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This is in response to the appeal brief filed August 11, 2006 appealing from the Office action mailed September 23, 2005.

(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

The examiner is not aware of any related appeals, interferences, or judicial proceedings which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

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